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Majority prices for next week's trading was generally unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady, instances fully steady in the West. Retail demand was slow to fairly good, mostly moderate at best. Food service was fair to good. Supplies were more than adequate, closer balanced for wogs, and offerings in the West were confidently held. In the parts structure, wings and tenders were tight to balanced and clearing while the remaining breast items were adequate to ample and discounted. Dark meat was at least sufficient with light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 07/10-07/14/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Including branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Chicago	44.00-49.00	38.00-62.25	48.14	22
Los Angeles	65.00			
New York	50.00-53.00			

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-60.00	44.00-63.00	59.78	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 59.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRERELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT		
LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
586	56.20-62.00	59.54
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	140.50	3,955
BREASTS - WHOLE	72.50	1,200
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.00	410
LEG QUARTERS	21.50	7,955
WINGS	52.00	2,674

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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was usually steady. Demand was light with limited trading, best for ads and fast food; however, inquiries for wogs had increased. Supplies were sufficient to close balanced. In the parts structure, wings were in the tightest position and moving well. All other items were adequate to ample with light to fair movement. Retail features included leg quarters at 29 and 39 cents. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at weights mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices unchanged. Trading reported for next week's deliveries were unchanged on regular commitments with new negotiations at generally higher prices. Offerings generally adequate and confidently held. Retailer demand moderate, best for parts. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Reported trading on parts in Southern California: bulk leg quarters 20-24 and bone-in breasts 74-76. Ads noted in Southern California: whole body 59 and whole cut-up 79, leg quarters 49, whole legs 89, thighs 59-149, drumsticks 59-149, wings 69-97, bone-in breasts 99-149, boneless breasts 198-499, boneless thigh meat 109-169, boneless leg meat 98-99 and cornish hens 98-149.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority into Chicago for next week's delivery was unchanged from Monday's final majority. Offers of additional whole fryers and WOG's adequate for buyers current needs. Retail demand in a full range, light to fairly good. Retail features in Ohio on leg quarters at 59 cents, leg quarters in 10 pound bags at 29 cents and boneless skinless breast from \$1.69 to \$1.99. Food service movement fair to instances good. Floor stocks adequate with sizes generally desirable. Supplies of wings tight, breast items adequate to fully adequate, balance of items adequate. Trade sentiment on wings fully steady to firm, breast items weak, and steady on balance of items.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to about fair. Offerings were at least sufficient for current trade needs. Movement into retail and distributive outlets was generally slow to moderate. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts market, supplies of most items continued to outweigh immediate needs. Breast items were in the weakest positions. Wings and tenders were receiving the best interest. All other items were about steady.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair entering the weekend. Seller offerings varied by both size and volume, but were more than sufficient to handle immediate needs. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules contained some operations on Saturday and were moderately heavy overall. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. Wings were in fairly good balance. Boneless skinless and whole breasts were competitively priced. Other cuts were at least fully adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A		
RANGE		40-66
WEIGHTED AVERAGE		54.71
NO. OF BOXES		12,033
CUMULATIVE	07/03/00-07/07/00	55.63
	07/05/99-07/09/99	60.47
NO. OF BOXES	07/03/00-07/07/00	34,552
	07/05/99-07/09/99	29,767

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

JULY 06, 2000

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JULY 07, 2000

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	709	115.00-190.00	130-140	133.38	639	115.00-190.00	130-140	135.98	2,716	135.57
TENDERLOINS	187	155.00-210.00	155-159	162.33	262	155.00-210.00	155-158	173.82	986	171.10
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	61.00-74.50	69-71	68.20	103	61.00-75.00	65-68	68.41	413	68.37
FRONT HALVES	92	51.00-56.00	-	53.73	TOO FEW TO REPORT				363	53.28
LEGS	48	27.00-38.00	27-28	28.83	48	27.00-38.00	27-28	28.83	232	28.52
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	716	17.00-21.00	17-18	18.09	396	17.00-21.00	17-18	17.87	1,904	18.12
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,160	19.00-23.00	20-22	21.21	1,360	19.00-23.00	21-22	21.21	4,680	21.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	121	45.00-53.00	46-49	48.40	121	45.00-52.50	47-48	48.44	520	48.53
WINGS (CUT)	422	51.00-78.00	54-56	54.84	464	51.00-61.00	55-57	55.75	1,733	55.25
DRUMSTICKS	46	27.00-38.00	-	28.43	46	27.00-38.00	-	28.43	102	28.94
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				18	38.00
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				84	63.14

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JULY 06, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

34.00 - 38.50

35.91

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR JULY 07, 2000 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

34.00 - 38.50

35.77

5-DAY**AVERAGE**

35.74

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity ended the week quietly and no improvement was expected for next week.

Offerings of breast items were available and discounting was prevalent. Wings and tenders were generally adequate and showed the best movement. All other products were more than adequate. Retail and distributive movement was no better than fair. The market tone was weak on breast items. Wings and tenders were steady. The balance was no better than steady.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	JULY 06, 2000			JULY 07, 2000			WEEKLY		
	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD		WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS			
BREAST - B/S	125-130	138.91	181,960	125	133.73	511,040	134.17	1,614,394	
TENDERLOINS	155	159.74	45,040	155	160.74	130,440	160.81	330,840	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	61-62	74.48	101,240	59-60	70.50	196,240	70.88	807,320	
BREAST - LINE RUN	61	63.14	63,000	59	62.75	72,000	63.23	269,800	
LEGS	35-36	40.78	120,560	35-36	37.54	191,920	38.19	660,080	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	25.10	334,880	24-25	24.53	679,500	25.19	2,198,583	
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	39.19	73,480	37-38	40.57	110,030	39.69	439,570	
THIGHS	22-23	32.54	52,040	22-23	29.39	122,830	31.89	393,210	
B/S THIGHS	83-84	85.07	35,640	83-84	85.47	58,760	87.16	157,670	
WINGS (WHOLE)	53-54	64.58	229,880	53-54	65.43	329,880	65.07	1,141,920	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.00	25,120	10-12	12.01	55,520	12.04	204,200	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.93	16,120	30-35	34.48	37,160	33.87	131,560	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	45.13	30,280	40-45	44.76	62,710	44.34	225,870	

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	07/07	07/06	07/05	07/04	07/05	07/04	06/30	06/28
ALA	4,189	4,059	3,544	(A)	4.90	(A)	4,753	4.91
ARK	6,066	5,001	2,330	Holiday	4.84	Holiday	5,840	4.82
DELMARVA	2,538	2,473	2,380	(A)	5.14	(A)	3,595	5.13
KY-LA-TN	2,228	2,060	2,085	(A)	4.51	(A)	2,717	4.37
MISS	2,813	2,769	2,182	(A)	5.46	(A)	3,640	4.97
NC	2,904	2,647	2,404	1,340	5.83	6.01	3,366	5.74
TEXAS	2,354	2,353	2,291	2,110	4.70	4.73	2,508	4.78
TOTAL	23,092	21,362	17,216	4,924	5.05	4.99	26,419	4.96
MON-FRI	87,385(B)						111,138(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 07-Jul & 08-Jul-00 is estimated to be 34,548,000 up 10.83 percent from a week ago and down 6.5 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 36,966,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 08-Jul-00 is estimated to be 128,213,000 head down 22.3 percent from a week ago, and down 5.9 percent from a year ago

(Last week 164,971,000 Last year 136,199,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	78-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68-74
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-104
ICE PACK	92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	106-111
ICE PACK	112-119
DRY PACK	
HENS OVER 5#	98
ICE PACK	94
DUCKS	148-160

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Jun 24, 2000 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS-----

Head	32,923	30,953	44,128
Avg Weight	3.77	4.86	5.97
% of total /1	30%	29%	41%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	30,772	28,474	43,980
Avg Weight	3.73	4.72	5.96
% of total /1	30%	28%	43%
Same week, yr ago /2	32,226	29,689	47,887
Avg Weight	3.87	4.74	6.05
% of total /1	29%	27%	44%
To date/2000	836,864	798,398	1,040,908
To date/1999	813,052	694,676	1,102,173

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 01-Jul-2000 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
HEAD	164,971(A)	1,956	1,301	3,257	477
AVG WT	5.01	3.41	8.00	5.25	6.60
LAST WEEK	159,663	1,954	1,664	3,618	446
YR AGO	160,052	2,244	1,513	3,757	518
AVG WT	5.02	3.40	7.86	4.23	6.38
TO-DATE/2000	4,023,651	51,881	36,512	88,393	11,768
TO-DATE/1999	3,940,129	56,854	35,415	92,269	11,582

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.7 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 167 million head or 8.3 million head more than or 105 percent of estimated fryers available.

NOTICE

**EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY -
DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 04, 2000**

*****NO REPORT ISSUED - AUCTION CLOSED
DUE TO JULY 4TH HOLIDAY*****

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 03-JUL-2000

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	121-125	122-126
MOSTLY	121-123	122-124

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	49-50
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-83
	60-65

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ. 60.48-69.66

14 OZ. 66.96-76.14

16 OZ. 73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices were unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Demand was fair to at times good. Sizes were mostly desirable. Slaughter schedules were reduced this week due to the 4th of July holiday. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.20, boneless legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in leg at \$1.45-1.70, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, and leg quarters at \$1.15-1.28, livers at \$1.25-1.50.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 03-JUL-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
27	160.7	156.0	103	4.94
JUNE 3	145.3	156.4	93	5.03
10	161.2	157.3	102	4.86
17	161.7	158.5	102	4.90
24	161.6	158.8	102	5.03
1	167.0	158.7	105	5.01
YEAR TO DATE	4072.7	3991.0	102	
JULY 8		157.7		
15		157.4		

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 01-Jul-00 IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 4,044 HD, 20,463 lbs., Light Hens 201 HD, 697 lbs., Heavy Hens 0 HD, 0 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	07/08/00	07/01/00	% CHG	07/10/99	% CHG
Broilers	128,313	164,971	-22	136,199	-06
Cattle	585	725	-19	620	-06
Hogs	1,473	1,778	-17	1,573	-06

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Prices were irregular but about unchanged on light canners and unchanged to lower on heavies when compared to a week earlier. Supplies of canners were fully sufficient for trade needs. Demand was light and unaggressive with buyers usually waiting on offerings of canners from sellers. The undertone was generally steady on lights with market conditions slightly improved on heavies but at best barely steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23-25 MAJORITY 23.5-25	24.5-28 MAJORITY 26.5-28

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
25-27.75 MAJORITY 25.5-26	29-31 MAJORITY 29-30

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Offerings continue to be fully adequate to ample for the unaggressive demand. Processing schedules for next week were generally on normal schedules. Finished product was fully adequate for most trade needs. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for at least adequate offerings of spent light hens. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Offerings ample for current needs. Demand was light to moderate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady to barely steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked lighter holiday schedules. Offerings ample.

LIVE TYPE HENS

CENTS PER LB., DAY OF NEGOTIATION, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0-0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	(1)	TFEWR
No. Central Light	0-.5 (2)	0

(1) Buyer Loading (2) Producer Loading
(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was slow and unaggressive as offerings continue to be ample for normal to heavy processing schedules. The market tone was barely steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light to moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Seasonal reductions in flock numbers were reaching desired levels. Finished sales were slow with schedules at desired levels. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

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